

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 58-71 are under examination. Claims 1-20, 29-45, and 54-57 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 58, 62-66, and 68-71 were previously allowed. See Office Action, 08/29/2005, p. 1. Claims 58-71 stand rejected in the current Office Action. Applicants have amended claims 58, 60, 63, and 68 by deleting "inflammation" and inserting "leukocyte adherence." Support for this amendment includes Figures 13-17 of the specification.

II. Summary of Examiner Interviews

Applicants wish to thank Examiners Xie and O'Hara for the interview of July 17, 2007. Applicants especially thank Examiner Xie for calling Applicants' representative for a follow-up interview on August 2, 2007.

During the interview of August 2, 2007, Examiner Xie indicated that claims in which "inflammation" was deleted and "leukocyte adherence" was inserted, may be allowable.

III. Enablement Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

In the current Office Action, the Office maintains the rejection of claims 58-71 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for alleged lack of enablement. The grounds for rejection are essentially those of record. Applicants assert that the present amendments suggested by the Examiner overcome this rejection. Without acquiescing to the current rejection, Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw the rejection.

IV. Conclusion


In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections and timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner have remaining questions or concerns regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at 202-408-4118 to schedule an interview to discuss the application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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